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LADIES LOSSE  
& AT THE  
ADVENTURES  
OF  
FIVE HOURS:  
OR, THE  
Shifting of the Vaile.



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## The Ladies Loss, &c.

**Y**E Females that Do at Adventures  
 For hours five (or less, as't Enters)  
 And sometimes chance to shift the *Vaile*,  
 Not onely of the *Head*, but *Taile*;  
 Come listen, for it may concern ye,  
 How *Mulier formosa Superne*  
*Definit*. In *Janivere*,  
 Where *some* were not, though *many* were  
 All in the Fields of *Lincolns Inn*,  
 The *Folk* beginning to *Begins*,  
 For Poet (hight the *Lord* knows what)  
 Had made a Play of this and that;  
 Whereto resorted grave and fickle  
 As Saints did erst to *Conventicle*:  
 Some dressing *Heads* instead of *Vailes*,  
 With *Periwiggs*; and some the *Tailes*,  
 As it appear'd; by foul mischance,  
 When *Lady* trim'd ith' *Mode* of *France*,  
 Drop'd *Usefils* from 'twixt her *legs*,  
 (No matter whether *Mulls* or *Peggs*)  
 A pretty kind of fashion, that  
 For *Girls* to *Periwig* a *Twat*!  
 'Tis *sign* (perhaps) it keeps good *orders*,  
 When 'tis confin'd within the *Borders*.

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How came the *custom* with the pocks,  
 Puts *Member Privy* under locks,  
 And nat *Italian* ? What mishap  
 Occasion could this *After-elap* ?  
 Was it, O *Mother Gibbs*, thy care  
 To fit the *Lady* to a hair,  
 And fasten *Ware* upon thy word,  
 That leaves her *Ware* like *Tayle of Bird* ;  
 To every *Stage-wright* made a scoff,  
 Like *Coot*, with *Perimigg* strip off.  
 'Twixt *Madams* Legs (as sung the *Poet*)  
 But 'twas so lately done, all know it.

But do not (*Muse*) thus fondly raile  
 On the nice-*Trimmer* of the *Taile* ;  
 Perhaps her *Art* was not in fault,  
 Securing every slight assault ;  
 Presuming, *Wight*, would come to hand,  
 Like a *Dutch Cow*, or *Wench* well man'd,  
 And not endanger (as it chances)  
 Both *Member* and *Appurtenances*,  
 To the rude hands of *Blade* so rough,  
 That mistakes *Merkin* for a *Muff*,  
 And carries all off with a vengeance,  
 Then rubs away (as erst did *St. Johns*)  
 And never minds for to restore,  
 Or leave behind, what's lost before.  
 Oh *Varlet* vile ! who with fierce handling  
 Hast done more mischief (notwithstanding)  
 Then *Wallace* with his *Toot* so stayward,  
 Can make amends for, though like *Bayard*.  
 He ne're so *stiffly* could stand to't,  
 This gain that loss could ne're recruit :  
 For (as an *Author* sayes) her *Monsieur*  
 Coming that night with thoughts to trounce her,  
 And finding his *Tatterdemalion*  
 As bold as *Huswife* clip'd *Italian*,

Who

Who in her *Infancy* with *unction*,  
 Is so *un-hair'd* for future *function*,  
 That after *Oyles* and *Labours* expence,  
 A *Barber* there shall ne're earn *six pence*.  
 He thus rebuk't her, --- Begar *Madams*,  
 Me think your *Ladyship* have had 'um :  
 The case is *alter'd* since I *fontred* ;  
 Your *Cunny* is not well *accountred* :  
 Undress'd below the *Busk* you be,  
 Some honest *Lad* from *Muscovy*  
 Will you present with *fur* of *Rat*  
 To *furnish* out your *Twit-cum-twat* ;  
 A *Pox* upon this *filthy Paltry*  
*Commodity*, that *snodes* like *Palfrey* :  
 And though at first he was full fervent,  
 Kiss'd hand, and cry'd , Your *humble Servant* :  
 And *Lady* sad for *work* oth' day,  
 Did lose her *Night-work* as they say.

So fared it with *Absolon*,  
 Who found a *Beard*, expecting *none*.  
 When *Gossip* ( to his great amazement )  
 Turn'd *Tayle* for *Smeller*, out of *Caxement*,  
*Womanaging* so *cleaverly*,  
 That *Nab* kist *Tons* full *savorly*,  
 And started back, like *Horse* cryes *Wy-hee*  
 At *Female-Beard*, to hear her *Ty-hee*.

But let's return, (what e're it cost )  
 In *quest* of *what* our *Lady* lost :  
 Some call it *one thing* , some *another* :  
 But, while the *Learned* make a *posher*,  
 And, in sundry *Disputes* are,  
 Wee'l term it *Muff* for *Lady-ware* ;  
 Though it be neither *Budge* nor *Mimiver*,  
 Worn in the *dayes* of good *Queen Guinever* :  
 The *Sisterhood* in *Bloomsbury*,  
 Have other *name* to call it by :

But

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But hold not fit that every *Lunges*  
Should understand it, more then *Spunges*,  
Which for a special *Friend*, or so,  
They will produce ; but if not, no.

Had *this* befell in time oth' *Rump*,  
'Thad struck *them* into such a *dump*,  
That (Stage-men all) *who* ever gav't ye,  
Before *Committee-men* of *Safety*  
Had been led *captive*, where he should  
Shew *whence* it *came*, and whither 't *would* :  
For *they* would soon have spent their *Verdict*,  
And made a *Law*, none should *interdict*.

( If *Harry Martins* lucky wit  
Had not by chance *discover'd* it.)  
First, to *secure* all that were  
*Confederates* with this *Engineer*,  
Who (as presum'd) had found a *trick*  
To *Beard* the *Body-Politic* :  
Next that a *Privy-search* be made  
Throughout the *City*, though the *Trade*  
Seem rather *Forreign* then *Domestick*,  
( As being *intricate* and *mysick* :  
Besides, the *Hogow*, or the *stench*  
Was (some say) *Spanish*, some say *French*)  
Last, that the *Author* should be sent  
To suffer *condign punishment*.

A *Presbyter* ( for sometimes they  
Will shuffle in to see a *Play*)  
Listening with *open mouth*, as *wide*  
As are in length of's *Ears* ; the *Hide*  
By chance espy'd in *clutch* of *Player*  
(Who much admir'd the *twirle* oth' *hair*)  
This *pretty Muff* for *Lady-ware* ;  
Who, as he nicely did it *handle*,  
Upheaving *Spectacle* to *candle*,

Quoth

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Quoth he, This is some *Popish* shred;  
 Or *shaving* of some *Fryer's* head;  
 A piece of *Nuns* work, fastned on  
 The *English Whore* of *Babylon*,  
 Sent hither by the *Lord* knows *whom*,  
 No more then does the *Pope* of *Rome*.  
 An invention, 'twill move your laughter,  
 For us to run a whoring after.  
 So down he threw't, and fled from thence,  
 And troth I have not seen him since;  
 And (sooth to sayn) as matters go,  
 I care not wh're I do or no.  
 But *Lady* gay, who dropp'd the *Muff*,  
 It seems did know him well enough,  
 And having (as she thought) a *claw*  
 Against this *Gospel-Wright* at *Law*,  
 As having seen *Commodity*,  
 Laid in his hands (though odd it be)  
 Unto her *Lawyer* did complain,  
 Who told her that her *case* was plain,  
 And *Wright* should render, or hee'd make him;  
 And where she found her *goods*, to take 'em.  
 But *Presbyter* having good witness,  
 That *Stager's* wife had try'd its *finesse*,  
 After it was from his hands given,  
 (Intending with her to be even)  
 Remov'd the *cause* with *certiorari*,  
 Where (as I hear) 'tis like to tarry.  
 But one thinks 'twould have done as well,  
 By petty *Herauld* with a *Bell*.

O yes!

If any one of what account  
 Soever in the Town or Count--  
 ry, Have ta'ne up an *Instrument*  
 Which *Women* use for *Ornament*

To

To set forth *Member* that is private  
 (As the *main thing* that people drive at)  
 Wherewith being *drest*, the naked *Fubs*  
 Looks not unlike the *Act* of *Clubs*,  
 Or as the *Song* sayes that is *told*  
 By *Fidler* touching *Marygold*,  
 Which if it chance to *slip*, or so,  
 When as the *Sign's* in *Scorpio*,  
 The *Mortal* that was in *conjunction*,  
 Looks somewhat like the *Man* oth' *Moon*  
 That goes off with a *bush* on's *back*;  
 One cannot say -- it's *Eye* is *black*;  
 But (as discerning *Authors* say)  
 The *Ground* is *black*, the *Eye* is *gray*,  
 Befitting *Jane* as well as *Cisley*,  
 Whose special mark is, that 'tis *grisley*;  
 Whereby appears (as *Damrose Page* sed)  
 Such *things* are us'd amongst the *aged*.  
 But be she either *Wife* or *Virgin*,  
 Or *Widow*, 'tis not worth the *urging*;  
 Did you but *know*, you'd not deny her,  
 Who ever brings it to the *Cryer*,  
 Shall have for's pains in coming home,  
 The pleasure to *cover* and *come*.  
 'Till when the thousandth *Maiden-head*  
 Is to be let unfurnished.

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